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In re the application of:

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The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the subject application, please amend the same as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 6, line 5, change "227778/1998" to - - 116811/1999

Page 103, lines 5-6, change "Application No. 227778/1998" to - - Laid-Open

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Page 109, line 7, change "159,662" to - - 3,159,662 - -